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TAGS: CGEN, PFOR (LUNTS, ALEKSANDR LAZAREVICH)

SUBJ: JEWISH ACTIVIST

REF: MOSCOW 9658

1. ALEKSANDR LAZAREVICH LUNTS, NOTED JEWISH ACTIVIST, REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNICATION WITH US RELATIVES. LUNTS CAME TO CONSULAR SECTION TO MAKE REQUEST SEPT 23, AND AT HIS TELEPHONED REQUEST WAS MET BY CONSOFF IN FRONT OF EMBASSY AND ESCORTED IN WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

2. LUNTS SAID SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INTERCEPTING HIS MAIL AND HAVE PUT PHONE OUT-OF-ORDER TO INHIBIT HIS INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS. HE COMPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH DISTANT COUSINS, ABE AND TED LUNTZ, WHOSE BUSINESS ADDRESS IS EAST 68 BERDELLE STREET, CLEVELAND, OHIO. HE DID NOT KNOW EXACT BUILDING NUMBER, BUT INDICATED FAMILY IS WELL KNOWN IN BUSINESS CIRCLES AND JEWISH COMMUNITY IN CLEVELAND.

3. LUNTS SAID HIS APPLICATION FOR EXIT VISAS FOR ISRAEL HAS BEEN PENDING TWO YEARS, AND HE WISHES IN FACT TO GO TO ISRAEL AND NOT RPT NOT UNITED STATES. EMBASSY SPECULATES THAT HIS MOTIVATION FOR APPROACHING AMEMBASSY MAY BE DESIRE TO ELICIT AMEMBASSY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN HIS SITUATION TO SOVIET
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GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD ENHANCE, HE MAY BELIEVE, LIKELIHOOD OF FAVORABLE ACTION ON HIS APPLICATION FOR EXIT VISA FOR ISRAEL.

4. BORN JANUARY 22, 1924, IN MOSCOW, LUNTS' ADDRESS IS ULITSA GARABALDI, DOM 15, KORPUS 2, KVARTIRA 76. TELEPHONE NUMBER, NOW INOPERATIVE, IS 133 27 55. A MATHEMATICIAN, HE SAID HE LOST HIS JOB WHEN HE FIRST APPLIED FOR EXIT VISA, AND HE NOW WORKS AS FREE LANCE TRANSLATOR.

5. EMBASSY PROPOSES, IN THIS CASE, TO MAKE LOW-KEY INDICATION TO MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION THAT EMBASSY IS CONCERNED ABOUT DIFFICULTY ENCOUNTERED BY AMERICAN CITIZEN RELATIVES IN COMMUNICATION WITH LUNTS. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, PLEASE ENDEAVOR TO CONTACT LUNTZ FAMILY IN CLEVELAND AND CONFIRM REPORTED IFFICULTY. PLEASE PROVIDE CORRECT FULL ADDRESS OF US RELATIVES IF POSSIBLE.
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